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FURTHER GAINS REPORTED BY FRENCH WAR OFFICE

New Offensive in Artois Region Continues to Make Progress--Second Line of German Trenches Under Fire--British Wounded Arrive in London

(By the Associated Press)
Paris, Sept. 28.—The new offensive movement of the allies has resulted in a further gain in the Artois region near Souchez, the French war office announced today. Additional progress is reported in Champagne.

The German counter attack in the Argonne was repulsed. They left the ground covered with dead. The position to which the Germans have retreated are protected by a system of barbed wire entanglements, making attack difficult.

THE LONDON REPORT

(By the Associated Press)
London, Sept. 28.—The French are now battering the second line of the German defenses in Champagne, while the British to the north have been able to crush all German counter attacks. So far as the public has been able to learn, the allies' offensive of Saturday and Sunday is about where it was.

The counter attack by the German crown prince reached the first line, but was unable to break through.

While German prisoners are arriving in France by the train load, British wounded are beginning to reach London. All have the same story to tell. They regard it as marvelous that anybody should have been able to survive the awful fire.

How it happened that so many wounded Germans were captured is puzzling the public.

Sir John's Natal Day.

This is the 63rd birthday of Field Marshal John French. The people are not expecting it to be signalized by any marked advance so soon after the pain already attained, but these accomplishments have called forth particularly congratulatory messages.

The fighting in the east still favors the Russians, although there is no confirmation of the report that they have reached the important railroad joint of Kovel.

Bulgaria, although she has mobilized her troops, intends to remain neutral, says a dispatch from Sofia.

RED SOX TRYING OUT BRAVES' BIG PARK

Boston, Sept. 28.—Although this was an open date for Boston American League team, the day was an active one. The Red Sox were busy in preparation for the world's series, in which they expect to meet the Philadelphia Nationals.

As the games will be played on the Braves' field, on which the Red Sox are strangers, Manager Carrigan ordered his men out to test the lights and shades, said to be unusually trying because of the deep sand, to study the lay of the land and to judge the flight of balls with respect to the great distances in the most expensive field in the country.

On the same field Captain Evers of the Braves was contesting with the Phillies in a four-game series. Evers said he still had hopes of pulling the lead of the Phillies down to a point where the Braves might win.

At the headquarters of the Boston Americans it was said that a large number of orders had been received for tickets for the world's series.

INTERESTING RUMOR

Newton Enterprise.
It may be gathered from an editorial utterance in the Charlotte Observer that the Southern Power interests are planning to take over the Carolina and Northwestern and turn it into an electric line. The Observer says that it is not only a possibility but may be said to be a probability. The recent trip of J. B. Duke through this section revived the talk about the electrification of the road. The Observer hopes for the time when you can step into a car at Independence Square and go to some point on an extended C. & N.-W. in the mountains.

GREECE WON'T LET TROOPS GET THROUGH

(By the Associated Press)
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Sept. 28.—According to the Overseas News Agency Greece has assured Serbia that she will resist any attempts to move hostile troops through her territory.

FIVE THOUSAND VOLUNTEER IN CAUSE

Chapel Hill, Sept. 28.—"With the exception of Louisiana and New Mexico, North Carolina has the largest percentage of native born white illiterates in the United States." This was the declaration made by W. C. Crosby, secretary of the committee on community service, in an address at Chapel Hill on "Moonlight Schools in North Carolina."

"We boast of our good qualities in North Carolina but conceal our faults. We hide our illiteracy as a horse trader does an old score. The tendency now is to uncover the sore and heal it with the salve of moonlight schools. In order to further the campaign against illiteracy, the month of November will be set apart and will be observed throughout North Carolina as "Moonlight School Month." A night school will be organized and conducted three nights a week for at least one month in every school district in the state where such illiterates are to be found. The day school teachers will, in most cases, teach in these night schools. Five thousand teachers have already volunteered for the work. The state department of education will place in the hands of each of these teachers a little bulletin outlining the work to be done. The school will hold twelve night sessions during that month. Twelve lessons each month in reading, writing and arithmetic will be given. The reading book will not be a primer such as the children use but something which contains simple sentences and yet which concerns the movement of people with whom those attending the schools are acquainted, together with such sentences as would inspire their country pride and awaken them to continued effort. We want to get the old people interested in this work and get them out to these schools. It is a fact little known that one-seventh of the voting population of North Carolina cannot read or sign their names. This means that one-seventh of our homes are devoid of books or papers. This means that many homes are without the Bible, and eternity is approaching rapidly. The responsibility rests on us. Let us try to clear the stain from our state. Let us hope that when the census of 1920 is taken there will not be a single adult illiterate in North Carolina."

WANTED LIQUOR GOT STRONG MIXTURE

If you had wanted a pint of liquor and had paid a good dollar for it, how would you like to have somebody bring you a mixture of soap suds and kerosene oil?

This was the experience of Carl Lail, Caswell Sigmon and Herbert Wilson, three young white men of this city. They dispatched Will Morrison and Everett Horton, colored, after the juice, gave them a dollar, and received in exchange a pint of the mixture.

The negroes were tried in police court yesterday afternoon on the charge of selling whiskey, but Recorder Campbell could not convict them of that charge. They were cited to appear this afternoon on the charge of obtaining money under false pretense, and the case should be interesting.

Tom Smith and David Holmes, colored, who engaged in a fight last week, will be tried at the afternoon session.

EXPECT COMPROMISE IN SEABOARD CASE

Raleigh, Sept. 28.—The Seaboard Air Line railway has until Thursday of this week within which to make its next move in the matter of the restraining order the company procured from Judge Connor of the federal court against the corporation commission, state treasurer and other state officers to keep them from enforcing the collection of taxes against the Seaboard on the basis of the new \$20,000,000 tax assessment instead of the old \$15,000,000 assessment which the Seaboard insists is sufficient and on a nearer parity with alleged low assessments on real estate, other than corporate property in the state.

There has been "something doing" here with reference to the ultimate disposition of the case, but the definite settlement is not yet available. General Counsel Leigh R. Watts was here in conference with James H. Pou and Murray Allen, local counsel, and the three called at the offices of the corporation commission where they found all three of the commissioners were out of the city. Then they went to the capitol and spent a while in the executive offices with Governor Craig. They insisted that there was nothing at all that could be given out, but intimates that there would be some definite move within the next day or two.

PROMINENT MAN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE COLLISION

Ipswich, Mass., Sept. 28.—Benjamin Stickney Cable of Washington, assistant secretary of commerce and labor under President Taft, was killed in collision of two automobiles on the Newburyport turnpike.

QUIET IS REPORTED ON MEXICAN BORDER

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 28.—The Carranza consul at Progresso denied today that Carranza soldiers participated in the border trouble in Texas. They were Mexicans, he said, who thought they could separate Texas from Mexico and recapture the state. Although some Americans are leaving the northern districts of Chihuahua and Sonora in accordance with recent orders of the United States, there remain 215 men and 39 women in that section. Conditions are reported quiet.

LENOIR WINS SECOND GAME FROM RUTHERFORD

In a one-sided game of baseball staged at Rutherford College yesterday E. Miller, Lenoir's pitcher by perfect support of his team mates twirled his club to a 9 to 1 victory over the two opposing pitchers. "Bob" Rutherford and Ledbetter, "Stats," although an ex-member of the Detroit Tigers was hit timely by the college boys during the half of the game he occupied the rubber. The main features were those pulled by the ump. His eyes seemed to be somewhat defective, whether he was conscientious in his decisions is a matter of much concern, but with all advantages against the sluggers they counted nine times while the home club only tallied once.

The minor features were the batting of Hunsucker and P. Yoder, each getting three hits out of four trips to the plate. Summary—Three base hit, Hunsucker; two base hits, Yoder, Frye, Hunsucker; sacrifice hit, J. Lively 2; base on balls, off Miller 1; off Ledbetter 3, off Rutherford 2; stolen bases Conrad, Hunsucker.

WALKING PAPERS HAVE COME TO DUMBA

(By the Associated Press)
Washington, Sept. 28.—Dr. Constantin T. Dumba, ambassador from Austria-Hungary to the United States, telegraphed the state department from Lenox, Mass., that he had been ordered home by his government and asked for a safe conduct.

In view of the informal notice from Vienna, the state department officials construed Doctor Dumba's action as meaning that he had been recalled and will arrange for his safe conduct.

It is understood that the Austrian foreign minister had told Mr. Penfield that Doctor Dumba's recall is final. The state department understands that Doctor Dumba will sail October 5.

The papers seized from James F. J. Archibald were received by the department today from London. All the important details have been published. Officials would not say whether any action would be taken against Consul General von Sauer, Captain Papen and others.

MARKETS

NEW YORK COTTON

(By the Associated Press)
New York, Sept. 28.—There was a renewal of general active buying at the opening of the cotton market today with first prices twelve to twenty points higher. October sold up many points during the early trading, while January and May advanced to practically thirteen cents.

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By the Associated Press)
New York, Sept. 28.—Indications pointed to another active session with many more high records at the opening of today's market. Baldwin Locomotives were again the features with opening sales ranging from 119 to 121½ against yesterday's close at 113¼. New maximums were also made by General Motors, Republic Steel, Lackawanna Steel, States Industrial Alcohol, Steel all showing advances. Specialties advancing from one to two points included. American Copper. Railroad shares again were quiet.

New York, Sept. 28.—Cotton futures opened firm, and closed steady:		
Month	Open	Close
October	12.10	12.22
December	12.50	12.49
January	12.70	12.64
March	12.95	12.95
May	13.05	13.05

THE WEATHER

COMPARATIVE WEATHER		
September 27—	1915	1914
Maximum	90	78
Minimum	58	42
Mean	74	60

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; fresh northeast winds.

Mrs. D. E. Moore, who has been living with her son in Spartanburg will return home this evening, having become sick. Her daughter will meet her in Lincolnton and accompany her to West Hickory.

52 BODIES ARE RECOVERED IN RUINS

(By the Associated Press)
Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 28.—The discovery of additional bodies today in the ruins of business houses and public buildings, caused by yesterday's explosion of a tank car of gasoline, increased the number of known deaths to 52. Investigation of the cause of the disaster was started by the city officials today. It is thought that a spark from a hammer of a workman started the explosion.

Eye witnesses said that a flame shot into the air before the explosion, scattering the burning liquid several hundred feet high.

Ardmore today was virtually under martial law, while business was suspended to permit the work of rescue to proceed with greater speed.

The downtown district was a scene of disaster. From the railroad station to the Whittington hotel all business houses have been razed by the explosion. Many buildings on the opposite side of the street destroyed and the plate glass fronts of many stores damaged.

Two Explosions.

The greater part of the city was in darkness last night, the electric lights having been cut off owing to the danger from prostrate wires. Furious flames spread over the razed district.

The loss in plate glass alone has been estimated at \$50,000. Railroad men in the yard say the gasoline car was shunted to a siding on account of its "bad order." The car was leaking gasoline so that a pool had formed under it.

Ira Woods, car inspector, railroad men say, unscrewed the tap and peered in. Just then the gasoline became ignited. Woods, the car and every piece of loose material were hurled into the air.

Reports that there were two explosions were confirmed today. Dynamite in a freight warehouse exploded. The damage caused by the shock was greater than the fire.

Death List Grows.

Some wooden structures occupied by negroes collapsed and fifteen negroes in a pool hall on an upper floor were killed.

The official number of dead was given at 10 o'clock as 52, of whom 33 were white and 19 colored.

SAYS MOUNTAINS ARE HUMAN REPAIR SHOP

Mr. T. W. Bicknell of Linville Falls, who was a visitor to Hickory today, said that if the people of the United States realized the curative value of the North Carolina mountains, this section would be the fountain of health for the world. Mr. Bicknell recalled that he left Des Moines, Iowa, seven years ago practically a physical wreck and that six months in the mountains brought him out. He refers to the mountains as "the great human repair shop." Mr. Bicknell is an old newspaper man.

The state of Utah is going to deprive the I. W. O. Workers of their song writer, hence the loafers are threatening the life of the governor.—Rochester Herald.

Russia has unlimited resources, but may find herself in the position of the man with a bank account who has to borrow car fare.—Washington Star.

Should conscription come to Great Britain, due credit requires the label, "Made in Germany."—Omaha Bee.

COTTON IS NOW BRINGING TWELVE CENTS A POUND

North Carolina Markets Offering Largest Price In Two Years for Staple--Catawba Crop not Yet Ready for Market--May Get Higher.

AUSTRIAN NOTE IS QUITE LENGTHY

(By the Associated Press)
Washington, Sept. 28.—Ambassador Penfield notified the state department today that he had received Austria's note in reply to Secretary Lansing's answer to the Austrian note regarding the shipment of munitions of war to the allies.

The new note is described as very long, and the new answer is on the cables.

MRS. HENRY CABOT LODGE

(By the Associated Press)
Nahant, Mass., Sept. 28.—The sudden death of Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, wife of Senator Lodge, at her home here last night, was announced here today. She was 65 years of age, and was born in Cambridge. She and Senator Lodge were married immediately after his graduation from Harvard in 1871.

GASTONIA PREPARES FOR BIG COUNTY FAIR

Gastonia, Sept. 28.—Final arrangements for the Gaston County Fair to be held in Gastonia October 12-15 are being made to have everything in readiness before opening day of the fair. The fence is about completed, work on the office and live stock buildings is being pushed and tents for the other departments exhibits will arrive in a few days.

In about ten days Louis Gertson, the star aviator of the Loung Aeroplane Company, will be in this city with a staff of assistants and mechanics preparing for the greatest aerial attraction yet to be conceived the initial performance in this state being held in this city during the Gaston County Fair. This attraction is the battle between the monoplane and the biplane while this war feature will be shown but three days, October 13, 14 and 15. Gertson will make two aeroplane flights each day of the fair.

On the opening day, Tuesday, October 12, special demonstration of quick starting, accurate landing and high altitude flying will be given for the benefit of the thousands of school children who will be the guests of the Chamber of Commerce.

The battle between the aircraft and the forts as well as the aeroplane flights will take place inside the fair grounds.

The Midway. One of the big features of the midway will be the cowboy band, made up of real live cowboys from the woolly west. Included in this show will be found a wild west, a wild animal and several other good clean shows as well as a motordome. All the amusement attractions will be furnished by the Big Four Amusement Company, one of the best and cleanest show companies on the road today.

PRESIDENT WILSON VOTES IN PRINCETON

(By Associated Press.)
Princeton, Sept. 28.—President Wilson returned to his legal residence today to cast his vote in the Democratic primaries.

On his arrival he was greeted by a large group of faculty and students. The president walked privately to the voting precinct, followed by a crowd of students. Entering the election booth, the president was handed a ballot.

After voting the president prepared to return to Washington in time to deliver an address to the Grand Army encampment tonight.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 28.—President Wilson left here today for Princeton to vote in the statewide primaries. He will return tonight.

FIVE KILLED BY TRAIN

(By Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Sept. 28.—Five men were killed and eleven others, all foreigners, were injured, six probably fatally, when a passenger train rushed through a gang of track men, near here today.

Clearwater, Sept. 28.—With Thomas Palmer, attorney for defense in the case of J. J. Mendenhall on trial for murder here, still speaking late tonight, the indications were that the case would reach the jury tomorrow.

Twelve cent cotton has come to pass. Catawba county farmers, with their crop not yet ready for the market, must be awaiting with unusual interest reports from the New York stock exchange, where every day the price goes higher and higher.

Mr. A. A. Shuford, president of the Shuford Cotton Mills, reported that the staple was bringing twelve cents a pound in Charlotte. Yesterday it sold for 11½. Mr. Shuford was asked several days ago why cotton was so active. He did not know why it was going up. At that time futures were selling for less than ten cents.

March and April futures opened on the New York exchange at 12.95 and 13.05, and even the near months, life October and December, stood out prominently at 12.10 and 12.50.

As indicating the tendency of the market, futures alone are valuable. They are pointing to higher and higher prices, and indicating more prosperity than the south has enjoyed in years.

RUN DOWN BY AUTO

Asheville, Sept. 28.—Rocky T. Newton had a close call when the motorcycle upon which he was riding a few miles from Asheville was run down by an automobile containing a number of Tryon people. The young man was thrown beneath the automobile and the machine was stopped with the engine just over him, his clothing being scorched by the heat. Bruises about the body and legs were sustained. The motorcycle was wrecked and the automobile was considerably damaged.

Mr. Newton and his companions failed to get the names of the Tryon people although it is stated that they put forth their best efforts to avoid the accident which occurred at the intersection of two mountain highways.

BIG NAVY WAR GAME FOR OCT. 6

(By Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Sept. 28.—The opening of the navy war game has been deferred from October 3 to October 6. Admiral Fletcher has issued orders to the ship commanders that will put every craft under mobilization at midnight, October 5.

EMORY TRIAL IS SLOW

Will Probably Go to Jury Tonight
Moonlight Schools in McDowell.
Marion, Sept. 28.—The seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Green River Baptist Association will be held at the Chapel Hill Baptist church, three miles south of Marion, September 30 to October 3. B. B. Price of Marion is the moderator. This association includes 48 churches with a membership of 5,000 in the counties of McDowell, Rutherford and Pope.

Progress in the Emory trial has been slow on account of the great number of witnesses to be examined. It is hoped that the case will be in the hands of the jury by Tuesday night. While there is much interest in the case the public is doing but little guessing as to the outcome preferring to let the court try the case. No other business of any special importance has been transacted at this term.

The McDowell County Teachers' Association met in the auditorium of the graded school building Saturday at 10 o'clock. The general subject of discussion was the "Progressive School." After several interesting talks on this subject bringing out the relation of such a school to the industrial, social and religious life of the community, the teachers divided into sections to discuss problems peculiar to their own work. The most important number of the program was moonlight schools. Fifty-eight teachers pledged themselves to teach in the moonlight schools of this county. It is the ambition of Superintendent Conley and his assistant, Miss Barnard, to establish a moonlight school in every district.

SIX HUNDRED ATTEND THIS BIG CONVENTION

(By Associated Press.)
Hot Springs, Sept. 28.—More than 600 delegates representing synods of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., arrived here today for the southern district efficiency convention, which will hold its first session tonight. The real business will begin tomorrow.